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THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING
OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, VIENNA, 4-16-20-73

1. SUBJECT MEETING SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED APR 20 WITH AGREEMENT
REACHED ON DRAFT WORKING PAPER PREPARED FOR PANEL MEETING ON
SAME
SUBJECT TO BE HELD IN JUNE.

2. CONSULTANTS PROPOSED FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS OF HIGH- LEVEL
RADIOACTIVE WASTE OR OTHER HIGH- LEVEL RADIOACTIVE MATTER SUITABLE
FOR DUMPING AT SEA, EMPHASIZING THAT DEFINITIONS MUST NOT RPT
NOT BE TAKEN TO IMPLY THAT MATERIAL FALLING OUTSIDE DEFINITIONS
IS THEREBY DEEMED SUITABLE FOR UNRESTRICTED DUMPING:

QUOTE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF ANNEX 1 TO THE LONDON CONVENTION OF
1972, HIGH- LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE UNSUITABLE FOR DUMPING AT SEA
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MEANS MATERIAL MEETING EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

(A) IT IS THE AQUEOUS WASTE STREAM FROM THE FIRST CYCLE OF SOLVENT EXTRACTION, TOGETHER WITH ANY CONCENTRATED AQUEOUS WASTE STREAMS FROM SUBSEQUENT CYCLES THAT ARE ADDED TO THIS FIRST CYCLE AQUEOUS STREAM, OR FURTHER CONCENTRATES OR SOLIDS PREPARED FROM THE FIRST CYCLE WASTE STREAM AND ADDITIONS THERETO, WHERE THESE EXTRACTION CYCLES FORM PART OF A PLANT INTENDED FOR REPROCESSING IRRADIATED FUEL FROM NUCLEAR REACTORS OTHER THAN RESEARCH REACTORS
OF POWER LESS THAN 1 MW; OR

(B) THE UNPROCESSED IRRADIATED FUEL ELEMENTS FROM SUCH REACTORS.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF ANNEX 1 TO THE LONDON CONVENTION OF 1972, HIGH- LEVEL RADIOACTIVE MATTER UNSUITABLE FOR DUMPING AT SEA MEANS ANY MATTER CONTAINING OR CONSISTING OF RADIONUCLIDES THAT HAVE A SPECIFIC ACTIVITY EXCEEDING 10,000 CI OF ACTIVITY DUE TO BETA TRANSFORMATIONS (EXCLUDING TRITIUM) PER TONNE OF MATTER AVERAGED OVER 100 TONES OF MATTER, OR 100 CI OF ALPHA- ACTIVITY (OF HALF- LIFE EXCEEDING 1000 YEARS) PER TONNE OF MATTER AVERAGED OVER 100 TONNES OF MATTER. UNQUOTE

3. CONSULTANTS PROPOSED ALSO THAT DUMPING AT SEA OF ANY WASTE OR MATTER FALLING OUTSIDE ABOVE DEFINITIONS BE SUBJECT TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PERMITS AS PROVIDED IN LONDON CONVENTION. GROUP ALSO PROPOSED AND ELABORATED ON RECOMMENDED BASIS FOR ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL
PERMITS FOR MATERIAL LISTED IN ANNEX 2 OF LONDON CONVENTION. INCLUDED ARE SUCH CONSIDERATIONS AS: ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATIONS; GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF DISPOSAL; FACTORS AFFECTING CHOICE OF DISPOSAL AREAS; PACKAGING; SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORT; SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR IMMERSION FOR SEA DISPOSAL CONTAINERS; APPROVAL OF SHIP, ITS EQUIPMENT AND OFFICERS; ESCORTING OFFICERS; RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF ESCORTING OFFICERS; POWERS OF ESCORTING OFFICERS; QUALIFICATIONS OF ESCORTING OFFICERS; DESIRABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATION; AND RECORD KEEPING.

4. COPY OF ROUGH DRAFT WORKING PAPER POUCHED BREWSTER, SCI; KENT, IO; AND AMMONS, AEC.

5. AGENCY STAFF MEMBER INVOLVED IN MEETING COMMENTED VERY FAVORABLY ON HIGHLY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE PLAYED BY U. S. EXPERT
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(H. F. SOULE, AEC/ WMT) IN MEETING AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HE WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO ATTEND JUNE PANEL. PORTER

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